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composition is obtainable by the method according to claim 6, and when the
thermosetting resin is an epoxy resin, the granular pesticidal composition is obtainable
by the method accord to any one of claims 16-18.

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3. (Amended) The granular pesticidal composition according to claim 1,
wherein the [proportion of the] thermosetting resin is present in a proportion of from
0.5 to 15 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of a pesticidal active
ingredient-containing granule to be coated.

5. (Amended) The granular pesticidal composition according to claim 1,
wherein [the water absorption ratio of] the thermosetting resin [is] has a water
absorption ratio of not more than 5%.

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6. (Amended) [The] A method for manufacturing [method of the] a granular
pesticidal composition [according to any one of claims 1 to 5 or 7 to 15] coated with a
polyurethane resin, comprising the steps of (a) adding [repeating the operation that
0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of a monomer] a mixture containing 0.05 to 1.5 parts by
weight of (1) polyisocyanate having tri- or higher isocyanate groups and polyol, (2)
polyisocyanate and polyol having tri- or higher hydroxy groups, or (3) polyisocyanate
having tri- or higher isocyanate groups and polyol having tri- or higher hydroxy groups
for preparing [the] a thermosetting resin [is added] to 100 parts by weight of [the] a
pesticidal active ingredient-containing granule to be coated [in one time]; and (b)
repeating step (a).

Claim 7, line 2: Delete "proportion of the";
After "is", insert --present in a proportion of--.

10. (Amended) A granular pesticidal composition according to claim 2, wherein [the water absorption ratio of] the thermosetting resin [is] has a water absorption ratio of not more than 5 %.

By 11. (Amended) A granular pesticidal composition according to claim 3, wherein [the water absorption ratio of] the thermosetting resin [is] has a water absorption ratio of not more than 5%.

bs 13. (Amended) A granular pesticidal composition according to claim 7, wherein [the water absorption ratio of] the thermosetting resin [is] has a water absorption ratio of not more than 5%.

Please **cancel** claims 4, 8, 9, 12, 14 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please **add** the following new claims.

By --16. A method for manufacturing a granular pesticidal composition coated with an epoxy resin, comprising the steps of (a) adding a mixture containing 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of phenol or alcohol and epichlorohydrin for preparing the epoxy resin to 100 parts by weight of the pesticidal active ingredient-containing granule to be coated; and (b) repeating step (a).

17. A method for manufacturing a granular pesticidal composition coated with an epoxy resin, comprising the steps of (a) adding a mixture containing 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of carboxylic acid and epichlorohydrin for preparing the epoxy resin to 100 parts by weight of the pesticidal active ingredient-containing granule to be coated; and (b) repeating step (a).